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SUBJ: BHUTTO COMMENTS ON ARMS PARITY WITH INDIA

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1. MOST OF PRESS STORIES FILED AS RESULT PRESIDENT BHUTTO'S JULY 5 INTERVIEW WITH GROUP OF VISITING US CORRESPONDENTS (REFTEL) EMPHASIZED BHUTTO'S STATEMENT THAT PAKISTAN STILL SEEKS MILITARY PARTY WITH INDIA. BHUTTO ACTUAL STATEMENT, AS REPORTED IN PRESS, WAS SAID TO BE AS FOLLOWS: "WE CANNOT BUT AFFORD TO HAVE MILITARY PARITY WITH INDIA IN TERMS OF EQUALITY OF OUR FORCES".

2. BHUTTO, IT TURNS OUT, SAID SOMETHING DIFFERENT. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TAPE OF JULY 5 INTERVIEW. CAREFUL REVIEW OF FOREGOING PASSAGE REVEALS THAT BHUTTO'S STATEMENT (IN RESPONSE TO A LEADING QUESTION) WAS ACTUALLY AS FOLLOWS: "WE CANNOT BUT AFFORD TO HAVE MILITARY PARITY WITH INDIA IN TERMS OF THE QUALITY (RPT THE QUALITY) OF OUR FORCES".

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IMPLICATION OF THIS STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT FROM

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